

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims

Please amend claims 9 - 11 as follows:

9. (once amended) A composite drive shaft comprising:

a plurality of discrete elongated stiffening mold members, each of said elongated stiffening mold members arranged parallel to a central axis; and

composite fibrous material extending around said elongated stiffening mold members in a cylindrical shape to hold said elongated stiffening mold members in place.

10. (once amended) The composite drive shaft of claim 9, wherein said elongated stiffening mold members have a trapezoidal cross-section.

11. (once amended) The composite drive shaft of claim 9, wherein said elongated stiffening mold members have a T shaped cross-section.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 – 8 and 18 - 39 were withdrawn from consideration in response to the Examiner's Restriction notice.

Claims 10 and 11 have been amended.

Claims 9 – 17 are now pending.

Support for these amendments can be found in the application at least at pages 4 - 5, and Figures 1A, 1C, and 2A.

Election/Restriction

Applicants affirm that they have elected claims 9 – 17 with traverse, in that claims 1 – 8 (Group I) and 18 – 39 (Group III) may be efficiently searched along with claims 9 – 17 (Group II). Upon first discussion with the Examiner, he suggested a provisional claim group of claims 9 – 28, which Applicants elected. Applicants therefore submit that at least claims 18 – 28 may be efficiently searched along with the elected claims 9 - 17.